

Weather & Navigation Virtual Seminar



Welcome!

Presenters

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Tim Osborn – NOAA Office of Coast Survey

Saturday Feb 20th - 10:00 AM to 11:15 am ET



Marine Weather



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NWS Tallahassee, FL

Photo: Boat departing Saint Andrews Bay Inlet for the Gulf of Mexico (marinas.com)





Outline

- Marine Economy & Science
- Observations & Forecasts
- Weather Patterns
- Warnings & Reports
- Safety & Preparedness



NWS Mission



Meteorological support to enhance:

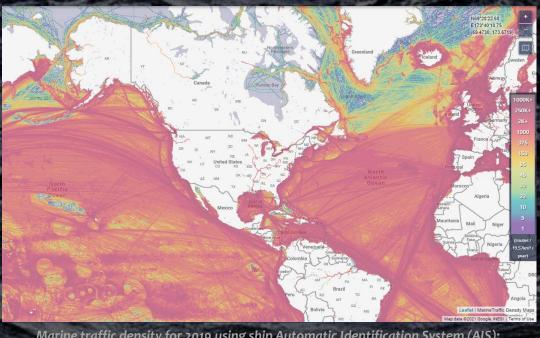
- The protection of life and property
- The efficiency of governmental, recreational, and commercial maritime operations.



Importance



- More than 90% of goods imported into US arrive via oceans.
- Maritime commerce worth about \$80 billion annually.
- About 80 million
 Americans are involved in recreational boating



Marine traffic density for 2019 using ship Automatic Identification System (AIS): marinetraffic.com

Accurate marine forecasts have a lot of value



Importance



The Ten Sectors of the Marine Economy







Research and Education



Professional and



Dredging, Restoration, **Business Services** and Other Construction



National Defense and Public Administration



Transportation



Shipbuilding





Tourism and Recreation Power Generation





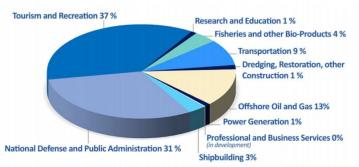


Offshore Oil and Gas

Department of Commerce | National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration



Ocean Economy Output by Activity



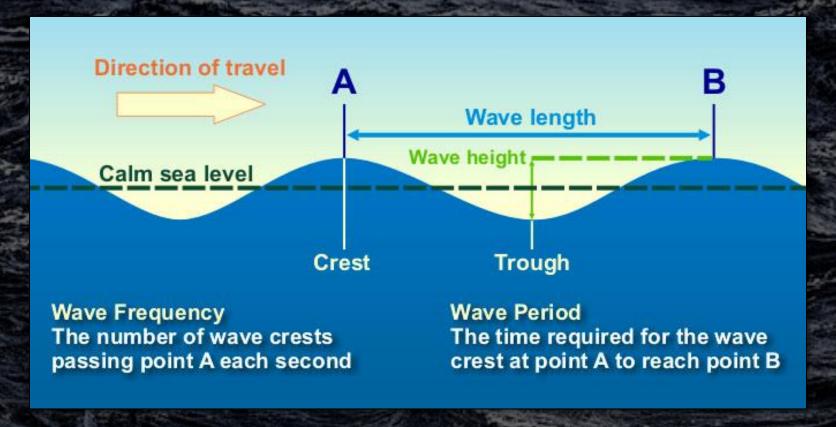






Anatomy of a Wave





THREE THINGS
CONTRIBUTE TO
WAVE GROWTH

- 1. Wind speed
- 2. Wind duration
- 3. Wind "fetch"



Some Definitions



Wind Waves

 Short period (4-8 seconds) waves generated from the action of the wind on the local water surface.

Swell

 Wind generated waves that have traveled out of their source region. Swells are characterized as having smoother, more uniform crests, and longer periods (8+ seconds) than wind waves.

Seas

· The combination of wind waves and swell.

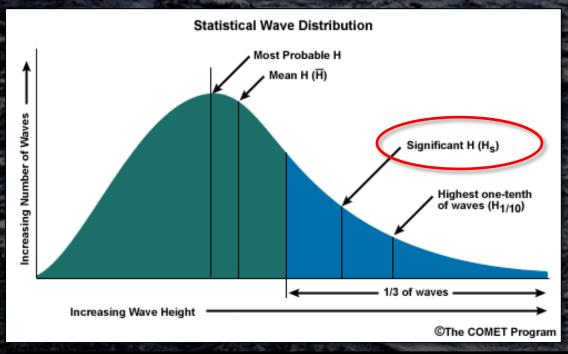
Fetch

An area of uniform wind speed and direction over a water body.
 Also, the distance over water that a fetch of wind travels.



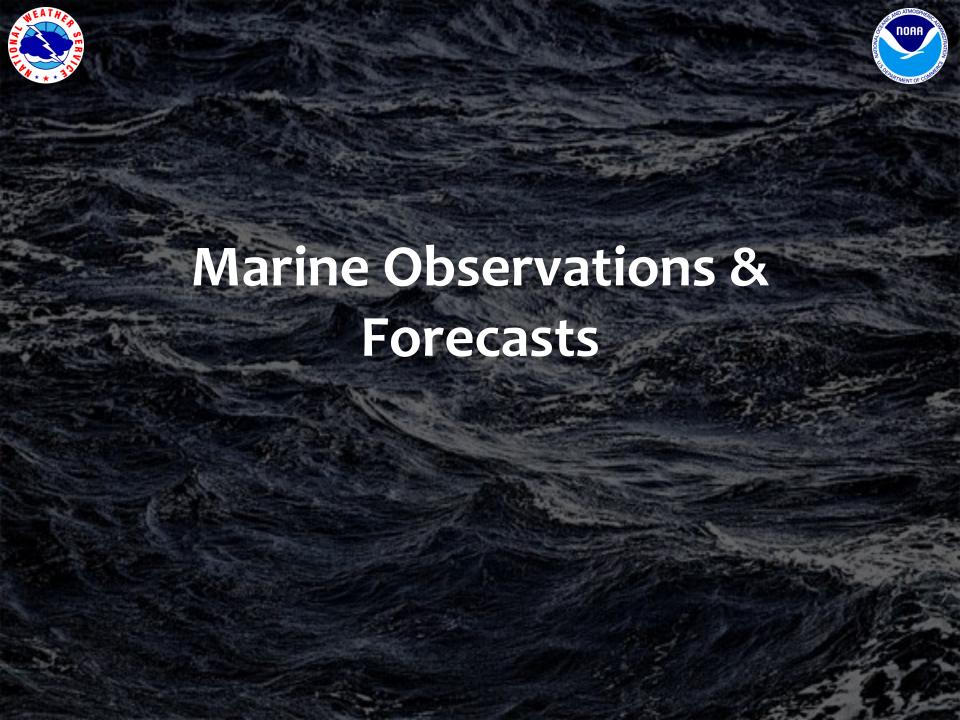
Wave Spectrum





Mariners should prepare for a range of wave heights, rather than focusing on the one value in the forecast.

Description	Percentage of H _s	If $H_s = 5$ feet			
Mean wave height	64%	3.2 feet			
Significant wave height		5 feet			
Highest 10% of waves	127%	6.4 feet			
Highest 1% of waves	167%	8.4 feet			
Theoretical maximum	~190%	9.5 feet			



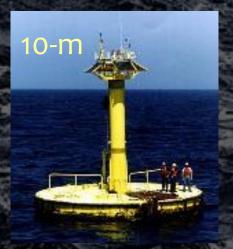


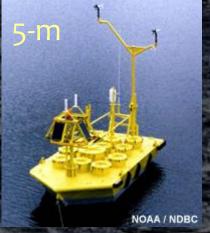
Marine Observing Platforms



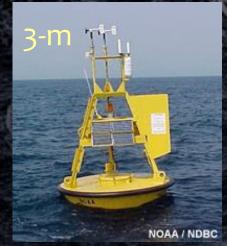
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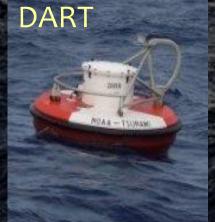
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Deep-ocean Assessment

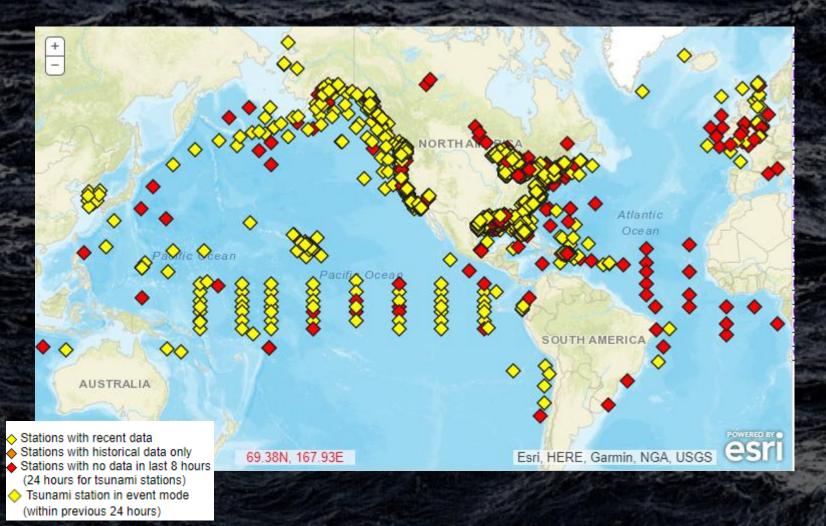
& Reporting of Tsunamis





Marine Observations





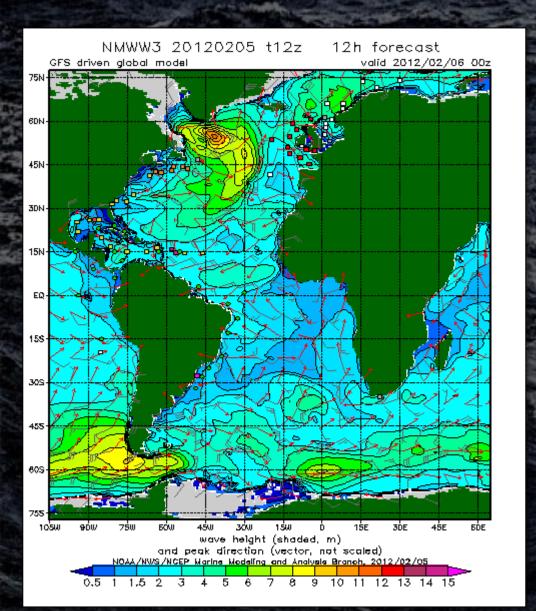
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Global Wave Models





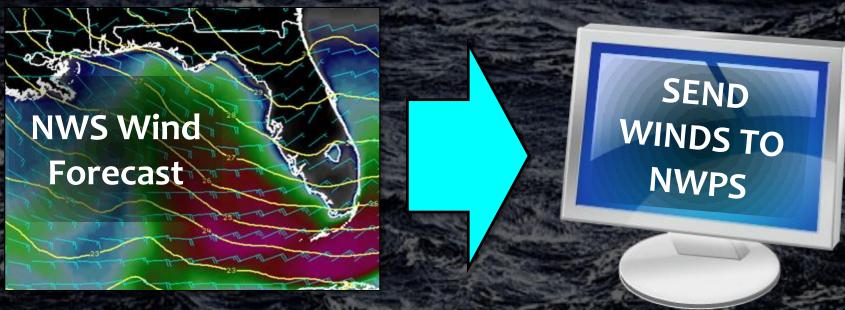
Primarily used by NWS:

NOAA WAVEWATCH III®



Nearshore Wave Prediction System





Generates waves by wind stress, propagation, shoaling, refraction, bottom friction, and breaking.

Produces forecasts of...

- significant wave height
- primary swell height and direction
- primary period

Surf heights are then calculated and used to assess rip current risk

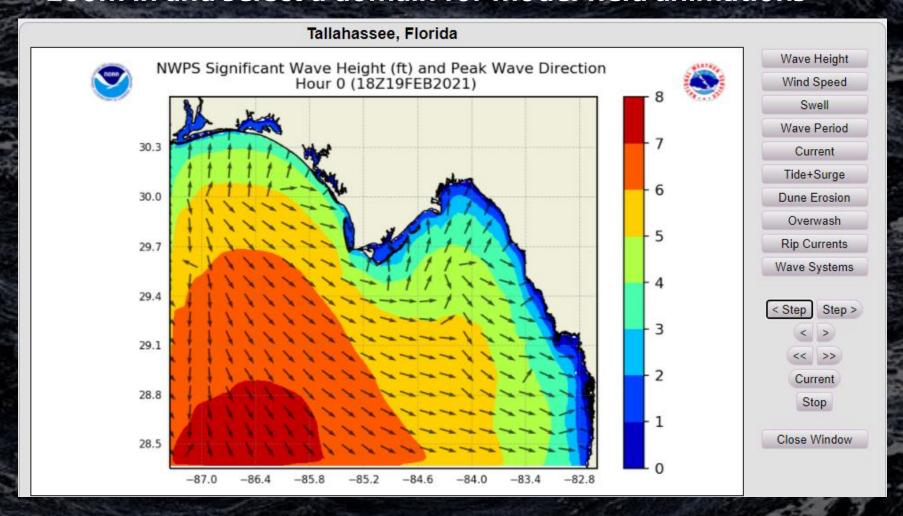


Nearshore Wave Prediction System



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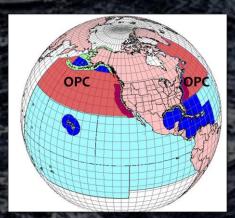




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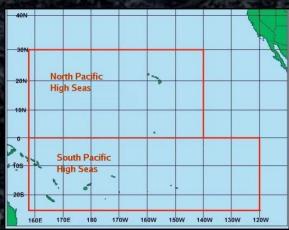


Ocean Prediction Center



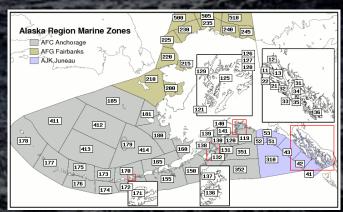
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Hawaiian Marine Products



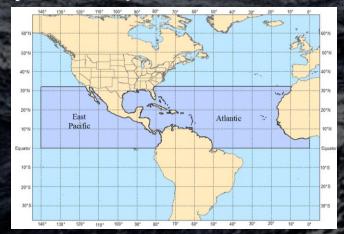
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Alaska Region



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Tropical Analysis & Forecast Branch



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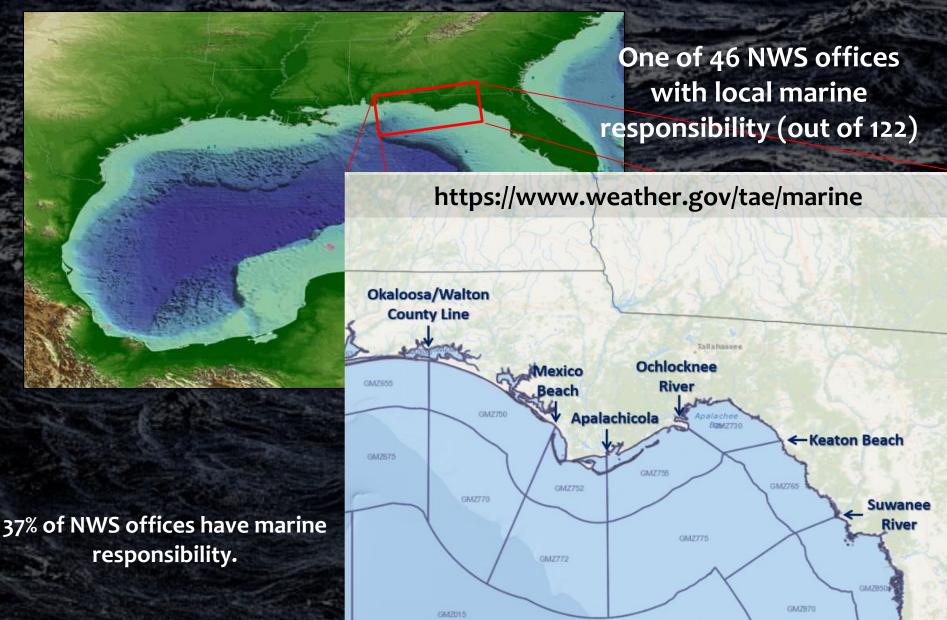


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NWS Tallahassee Area







From the national website...



https://www.weather.gov/tae/marine

Welcome to the new Marine Website for NWS Tallahassee! The legacy marine website can be found by clicking <u>here</u>.

Send us your marine storm reports via our online form. Help us keep everyone safe by being our eyes and ears on the water!

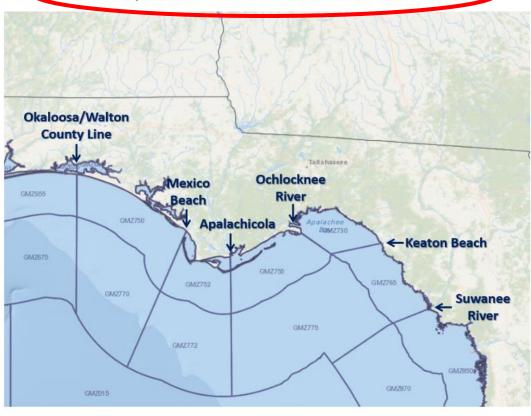
Current

Zone Forecasts Point Forecasts Beach Forecasts NWPS Output

Tides / SST's

Marine Program

Click the map below for a detailed, zone based Coastal Waters Forecast





Coastal Waters Forecast



A text product issued by all coastal NWS offices to explicitly state expected weather conditions within their marine forecast area of responsibility through Day 5. Primarily used for planning purposes to support and promote safe transportation across the waters.

- Contains a synopsis with a brief description of surface weather features which cause significant winds and seas.
- Any headlines in effect, e.g., Small Craft Advisory
- Wind speed and direction.
- Wave height and swell period.



Coastal Waters Forecast



NWS Tallahassee Example:

.SYNOPSIS...

Strong northerly winds will become moderate and northeasterly on Saturday. A Small Craft Advisory is in effect until Saturday morning. Moderate winds will be easterly on Sunday. Mainly dry weather is expected this weekend and next week with the exception of a few showers possible on Monday.

...SMALL CRAFT ADVISORY IN EFFECT UNTIL 7 AM EST /6 AM CST/ SATURDAY...

.REST OF TONIGHT...North winds 20 knots. Seas 3 to 5 feet with occasional seas up to 6 feet. Dominant period 6 seconds. Protected waters choppy.

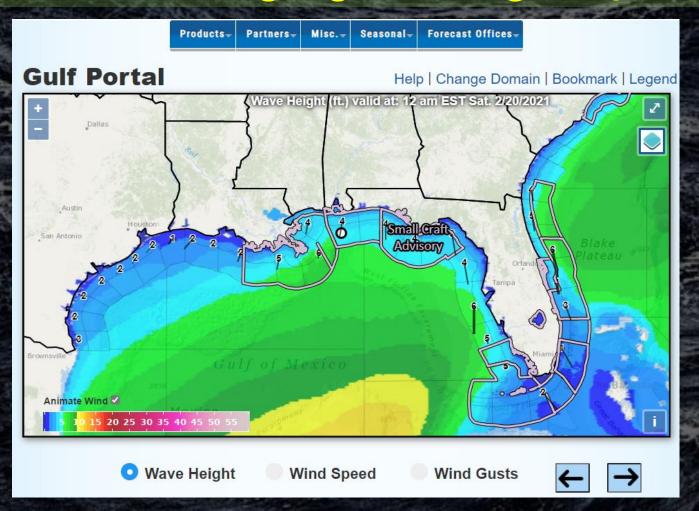
.SATURDAY...Northeast winds 15 knots. Seas 3 to 5 feet with occasional seas up to 6 feet subsiding to 2 to 3 feet. Dominant period 5 seconds in the afternoon. Protected waters a moderate chop.



Table & Graph Style Forecasts



https://www.weather.gov/greatlakes/gltest?portal=gulf



You can move the window around to other parts of US and click the map for a detailed marine forecast!

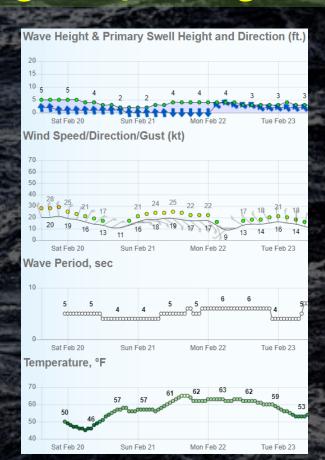


Table & Graph Style Forecasts



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Day of week:	Friday 2/19	Satur	day 2	2/20					
Time:	9РМ	12AM	ЗАМ	6ам	9ам	12PM	3РМ	6РМ	9РМ
Weather:	0	•	0		•	•	•	•	
Wave Height (ft):	5	5	5	4	4	3	3	2	2
Primary Swell Height (ft):	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0
Primary Swell Direction:	*	1	4	1	4	4	1	1	4
Wave Period (sec):	5	5	5	5	5	4	4	4	4
Wind Speed (kt):	21	19	18	16	14	13	11	11	13
Wind Gust (kt):	29	25	23	21	19	17	14	14	17
Wind Direction (°):	350	10	20	30	50	60	60	70	70
Wind Direction:	+	+	*	K	K	K	K	*	*
Temperature:	52	49	47	45	48	51	55	57	56
Wind Chill:	-	_	-	37	-	-	-	-	-
Prob. of Precip.:	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Precip. Amount:	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Sky Cover:	12	10	18	21	16	9	5	5	6



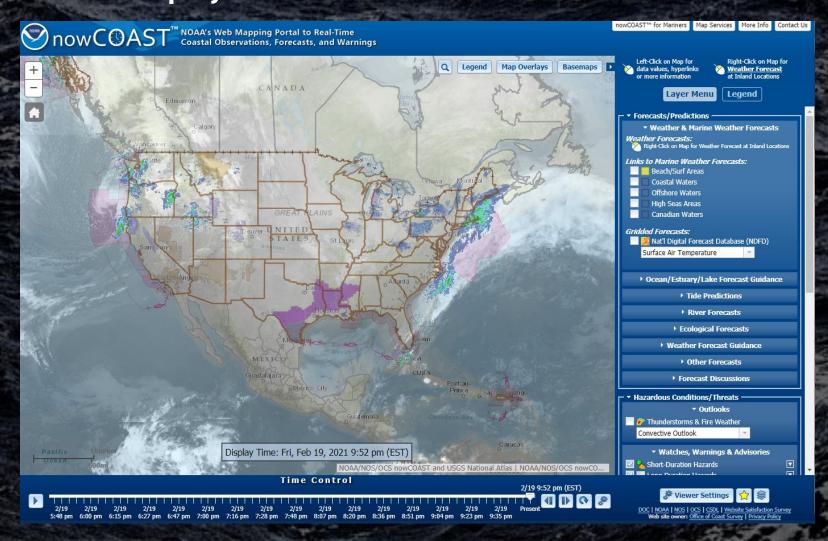


NOAA nowCOAST



https://nowcoast.noaa.gov/

Display observational data and forecasts





Hazardous Weather: Winds/Seas



Small Craft Advisory

 Conditions hazardous to small craft. Criteria varies by NWS region, and even by NWS office. Other considerations: experience of the vessel operator; type, overall size, and sea worthiness of the vessel.

Higher End Wind Threat

- Gale Warning: winds of 34 to 47 knots expected.
- Storm Warning: winds of 48 to 63 knots expected.

Tropical Cyclone Watches and Warnings



Other Hazardous Weather



Special Marine Warning

Thunderstorms with wind gusts of at least 34 knots, hail of at least
 inch in diameter, or waterspouts.

Dense Fog Advisory

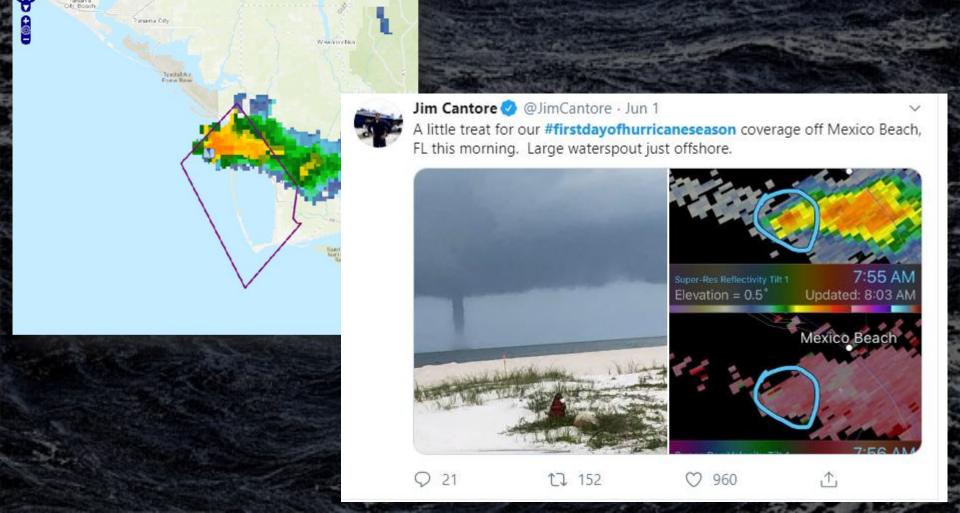
Visibility in fog one nautical mile or less.

Freezing Spray Advisory/Warning

 Hazardous ice accumulations due to a combination of air and sea temperatures, wind speeds, and wave heights.

Example

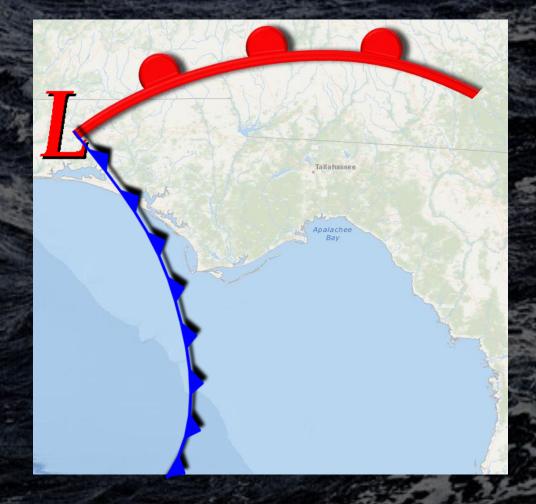
June 1, 2019 Waterspout





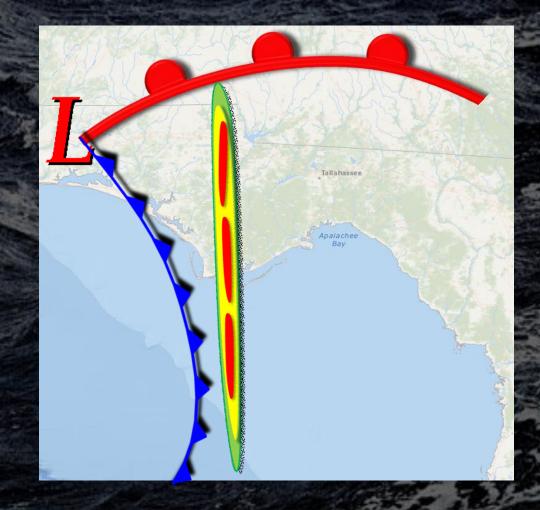
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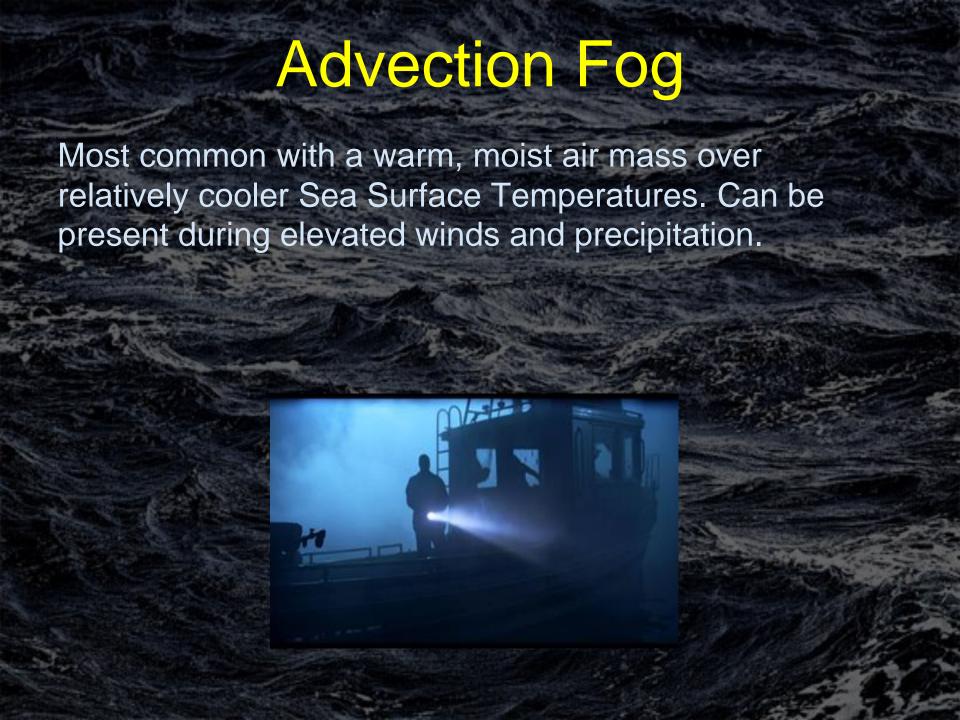
South/East flow ahead of the front becomes North/West behind the front.



Frontal Passage

Squall line ahead of the cold front.





Marine Fog

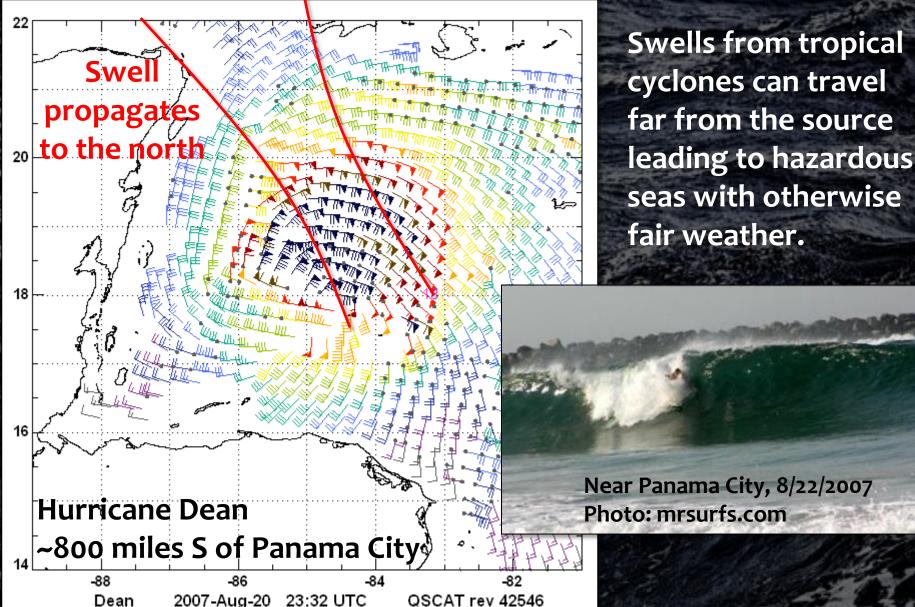
Low visibility is at least as great a hazard as elevated winds and seas.





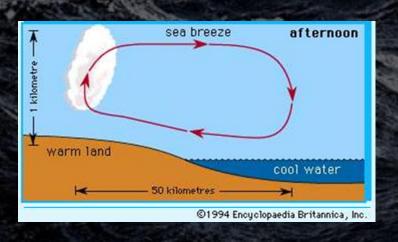
Tropical Cyclones





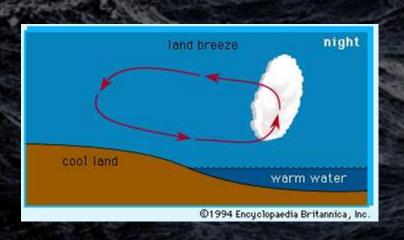


Sea Breeze (daytime)





Land Breeze (nighttime)









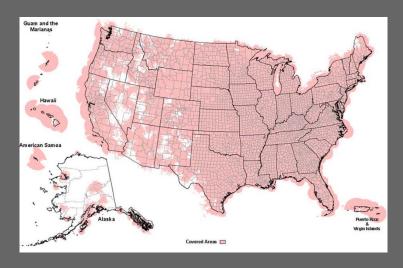
How to get warnings



https://www.weather.gov/nwr

To receive marine weather statements and special marine warnings, turn VHF to WX

channel



NOAA Weather Radio Frequencies

162.400 MHz (WX2)

162.425 MHz (WX4)

162.450 MHz (WX5)

162.475 MHz (WX3)

162.500 MHz (WX6)

162.525 MHz (WX7)

162.550 MHz (WX1)

Wireless Emergency Alerts

- Most smartphones set up, make sure under settings
- Alarms: tornado, hurricane and storm surge warnings





How to send Storm Reports



https://www.weather.gov/SocialMedia

Social Media

Weather.gov > Social Media

NWS is using social media tools to educate the public and share critical information related to our mission. Engaging the public and our partners in effective conversation around important weather, water, and climate issues is part of our effort to build a Weather-Ready Nation.

Connect with us online! Use the interface below to discover social media accounts for office across the NWS and join the conversation. Questions related to NWS social media should be directed to: nws.social.media@noaa.gov.

Please note: Links below will lead to third party social networking/social media services.



There are 122 NWS Weather Forecast Offices across the nation serving areas that typically consist of 20 to 50 counties (more info). Each office has its own social media accounts to keep you informed and up-to-date on the latest forecasts, watches and warnings for the local area.

Use the search box below to find the office that serves you and then follow them on social media to ensure that you're weather-ready

Panama City, FL

Go!

Panama City, Florida is served by:

NWS Tallahassee, FL

Website: https://www.weather.gov/tae E-mail: sr-tae.webmaster@noaa.gov

Phone Number: 850-942-8833 (person) or 850-942-8851 (recording)



@NWSTallahassee





NWSTallahassee



How to send Storm Reports



http://mping.nssl.noaa.gov/





- Free app created by the National Severe Storms Lab
- Available in the Apple App store and Google Play
- Reports from boaters like you helps us keep everyone safe by being our eyes and ears on the water!





Boating Safety







Accidents happen too fast to reach and put on a stowed life jacket. Always wear your life jacket.

*The lowest number of boating fatalities on record was in 2013.



8 out of 10 people who died were not wearing a life jacket.



8 out of 10 people who drowned were not wearing a life jacket.



5 out of 10 people who died from trauma were not wearing a life jacket.



Reported Boating Accidents

Most Common Vessels in Accidents*

- 1. Open motorboats (46%)
- 2. Personal watercraft (19%)
- 3. Cabin motorboats (15%)
- 4. Other (20%)

Top 5 Factors in Boating Accidents and Deaths*

- 1. Operator inattention
- 2. Improper lookout
- 3. Operator inexperience
- 4. Machinery failure
- 5. Excessive speed



Hurricane Preparedness



Are you Prepared for Hurricane Season?



...know your evacuation zone



...have an insurance check-up



...build a disaster supply kit



...strengthen your home



...help your neighbor

learn more at flash.org/hurricanestrong



National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

National Weather Service weather.gov/hurricanesafety



Hurricane Preparedness





Don't wait to secure your boat

- Storm surge can carry your boat onshore
- Secure your boat before the storm hits
- Add additional lines as soon as a Watch is issued

weather.gov/hurricanesafety





Weather and Navigation Seminar-NOAA National Weather Service Tallahassee Weather Forecast Office and NOAA Office of Coast Survey





Tim Osborn, NOAA's Office of Coast Survey, Chartered 1807



Economic Contributions of Recreational Fishing

- Florida -

4,102,200 anglers spent \$4.3 Billion while fishing in Florida.

Statewide Contributions by Anglers in Florida U.S. Anglers

\$7.2 Billion

Economic Output



Jobs Supported



\$129 Billion Economic Output



826,000 Jobs Supported

Annual U.S. Angler Contributions to Conservation



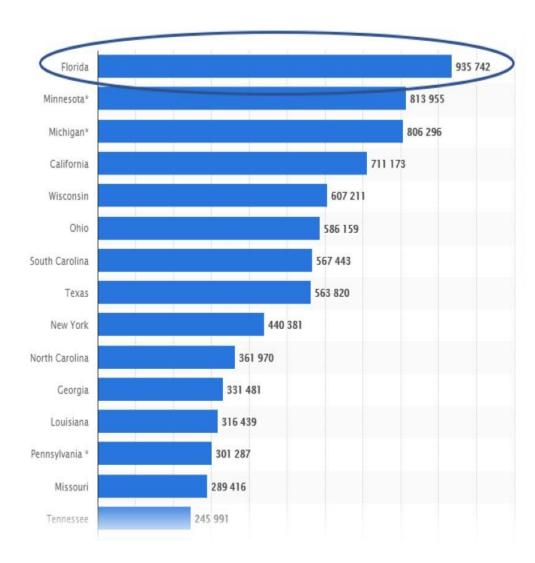
U.S. Anglers by the Numbers



Angler participation and spending presented here reflect 2018 estimates. The 13% increase in license sales in the U.S. through September 2020 compared to the year before, and 66% increase in excise tax collections since 2018 indicate economic contributions for 2020 could be significantly greater.



Number of Recreational Boating Vessels by State, 2019



Sport Fishing and Recreational Boating is a Family and Friends Activity, Found in Bays, Passes, Nearshore and Offshore.





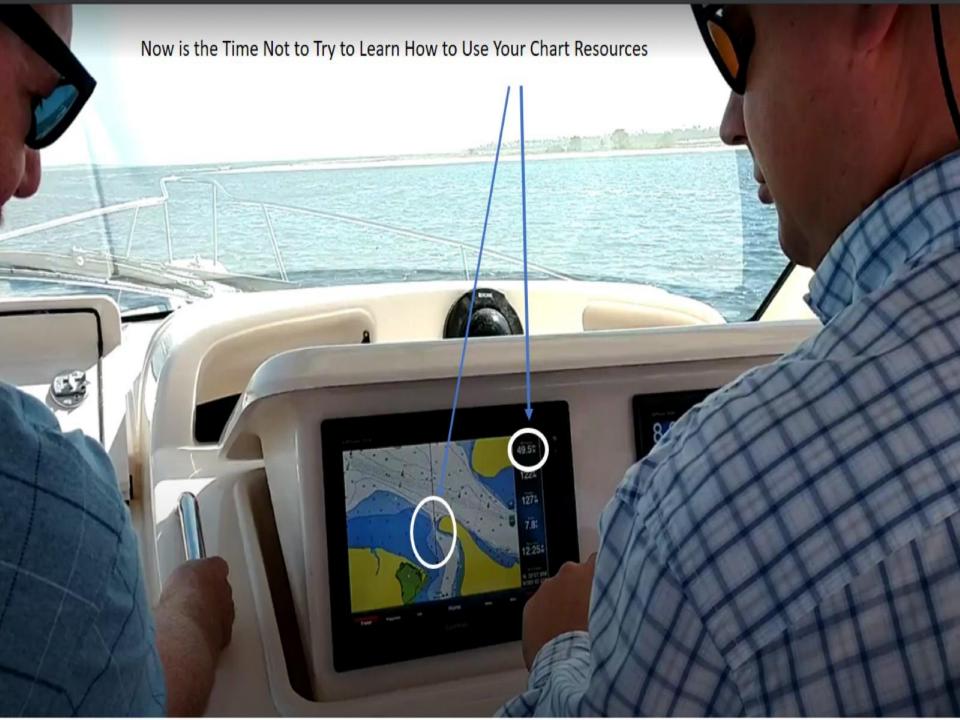


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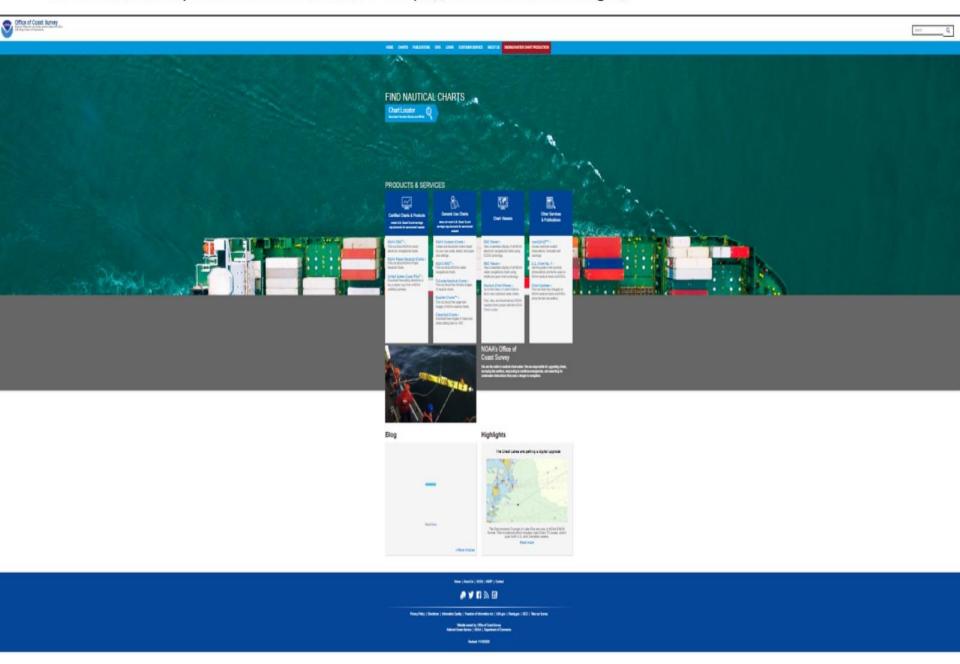
Seminars Like These Provide You With Resource Like-

- -What Will the Day Be on the Water?
- -How Do I get Notified of Severe Weather Events
- -I do I Know Offshore Wave and Marine Conditions?
- -Where Am I (in the use of Charts)?
- -Where Do I Want to Go?
- -How Do I Get There?
- -Can I Get There (Fuel, Boat, Time?)

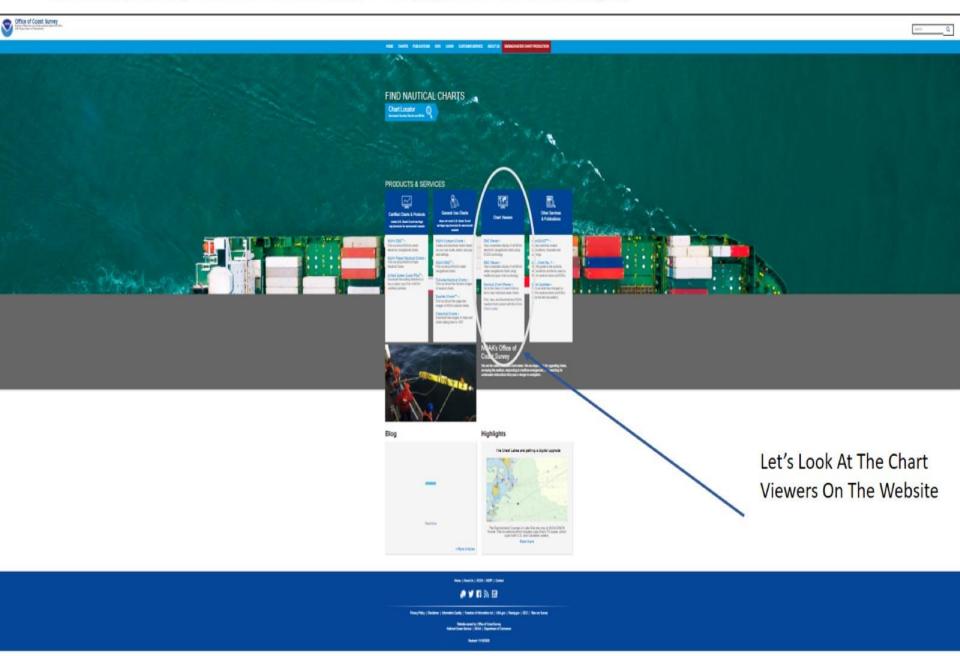




NOAA Coast Survey's Website and Resources- https://nauticalcharts.noaa.gov/



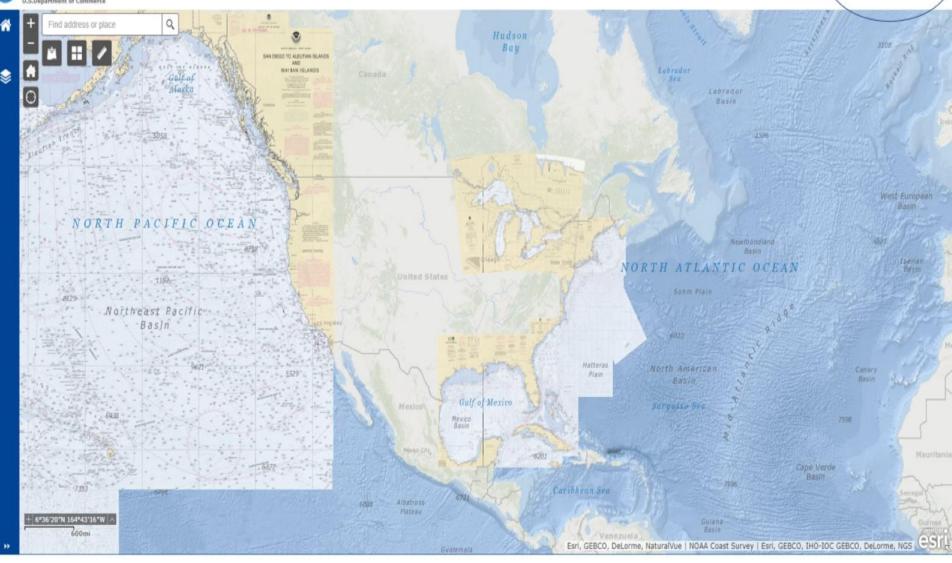
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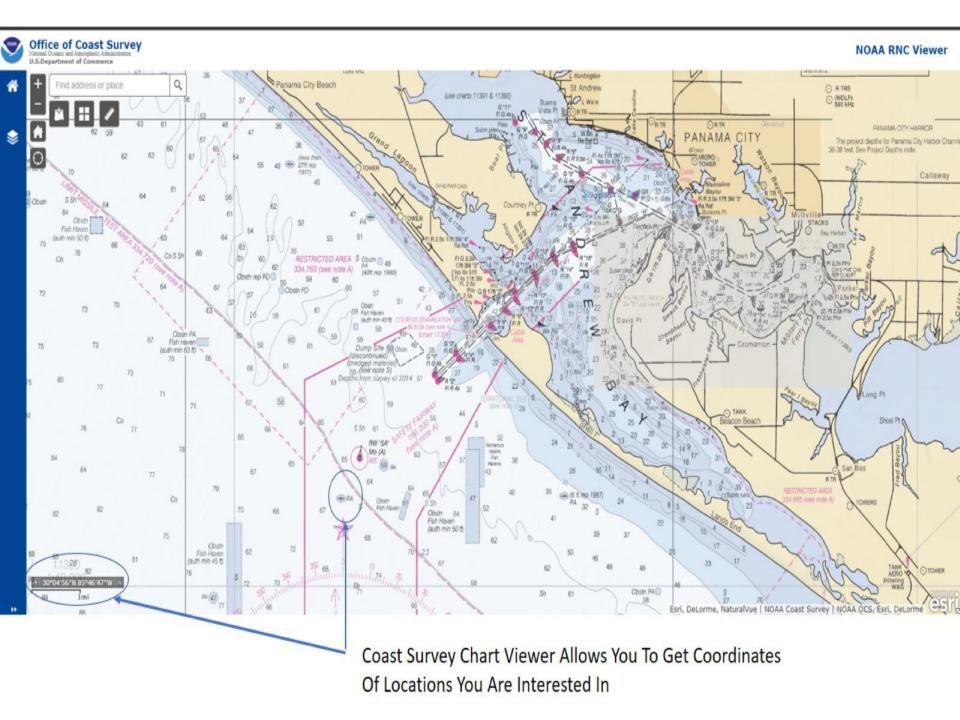


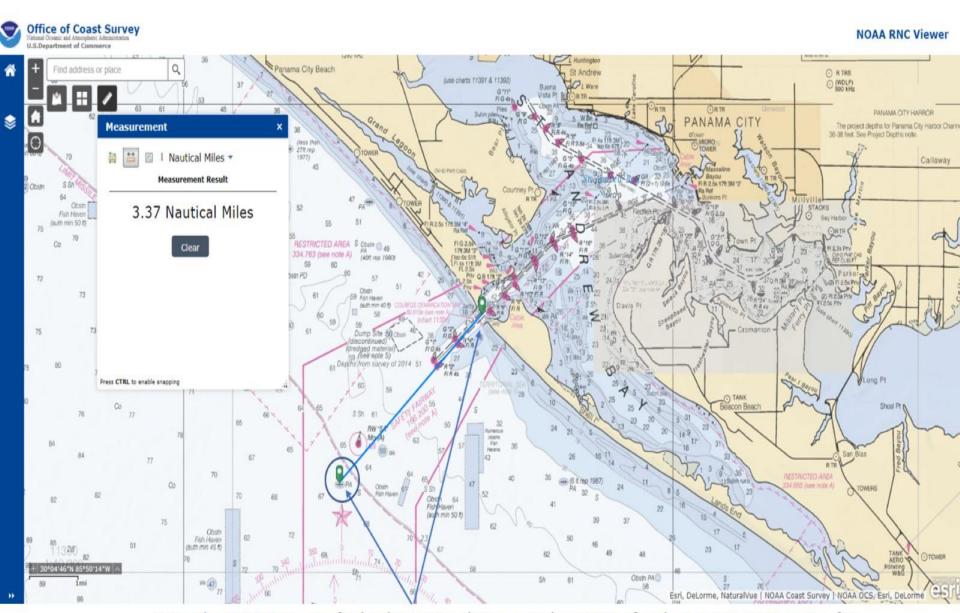
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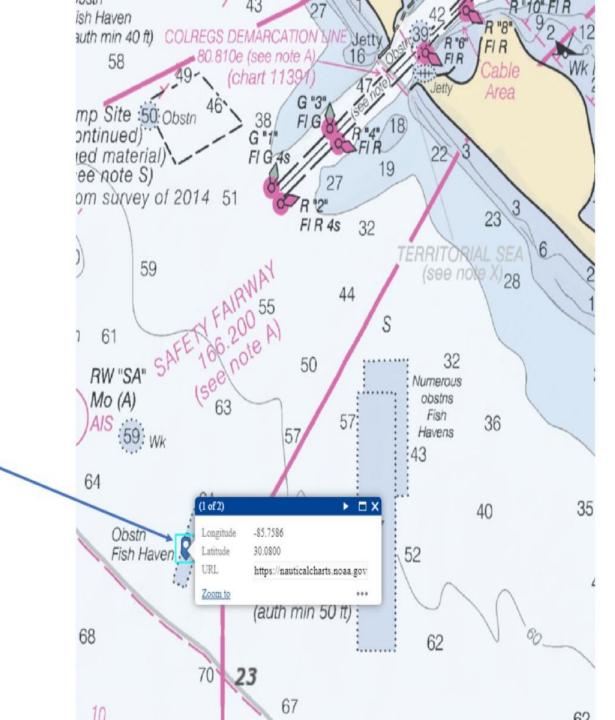
NOAA RNC Viewer



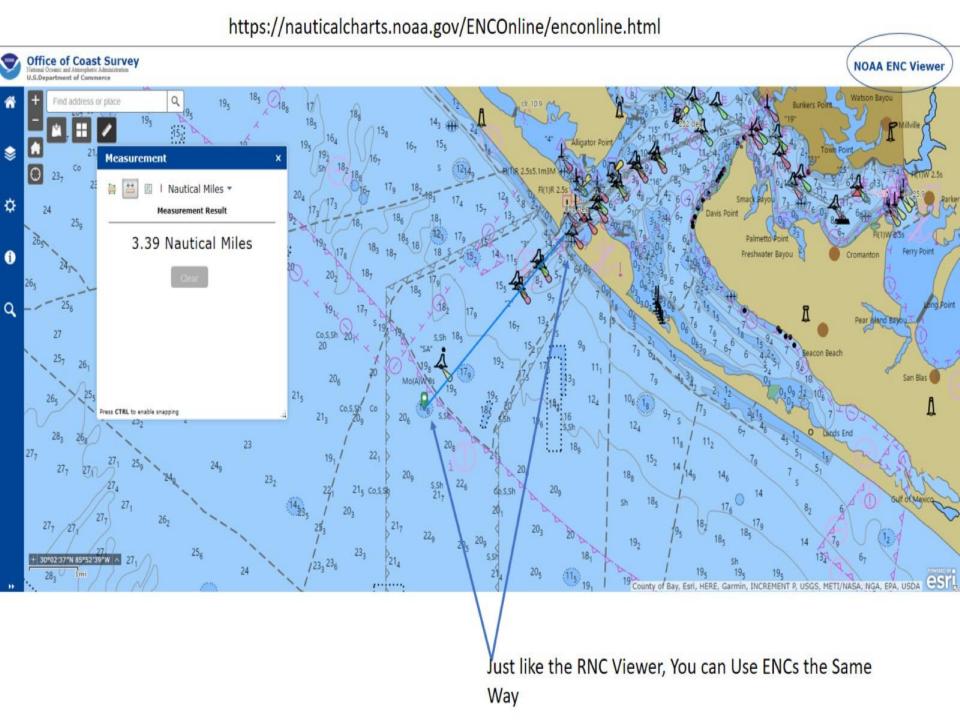




Using the RNC Viewer to find a determine distance and position of a place you want to go to- for example- from St Andrews Pass to a charted wreck- PA means 'position approximate'



NOAA's Chart Viewer Allows You To Set Points of Locations That You Want To Visit Or Fish- Here The Location Is A Charted Fish Haven (Artificial Fishing Reef)



NOAA Coast Survey ENCs Offer More Capability And Layers- The Future Of Charting Resourceshttps://nauticalcharts.noaa.gov/ENCOnline/enconline.html







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U.S. Chart No. 1 (Chart Symbols)

More than 100 pages of information about nautical chart symbols

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ENDING RASTER CHART PRODUCTION

The Symbol Legend for U.S. Nautical Chart Products

U.S. Chart No. 1 describes the symbols, abbreviations, and terms used on nautical charts. It is produced by NOAA and the National Geospatial Intelligence Agency. The symbols for paper charts and their analogous digital products, such as NOAA raster navigational charts (NOAA RINC®) are shown, as well as the symbols used to portray NOAA electronic

Changes Implemented in Edition 15. of U.S. Chart No. 1 Symbology Tips for: ALS Alex to Navigation

The Symbols on the Charts are Not Random- The Link and the Guide Gives You a lot of Good Information to Understand the Charts Q Buoys, Beacons

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Nautical Chart Symbology Tips from the Editor of U.S. Chart No. 1*

Fish Havens



Fish havens are artificial shelters made up of rocks, rubble, subway cars, ships, airplanes, specially designed concrete structures, and other objects placed on the sea floor to attract fish and enhance their habitat. They are often located near fishing ports or major coastal inlets. Consisting of rigid materials and projecting above the bottom, they can impede surface navigation and foul anchors. Thus, all fish havens are labeled with the abbreviation "Obste" for obstruction on NOAA charts.

Only fish havens authorized by the U.S. Anny Corps of Engineers are shown on NOAA charts. The Corps

specifies an "authorized minimum depth" for each, which is the shallowest depth to which objects may project toward the surface. For example, the decommissioned U.S. Coast Guard Cutter Duane, shown above, was intentionally sunk in 1987. It lies upright in 120 feet of water near Key Largo, Florida, but



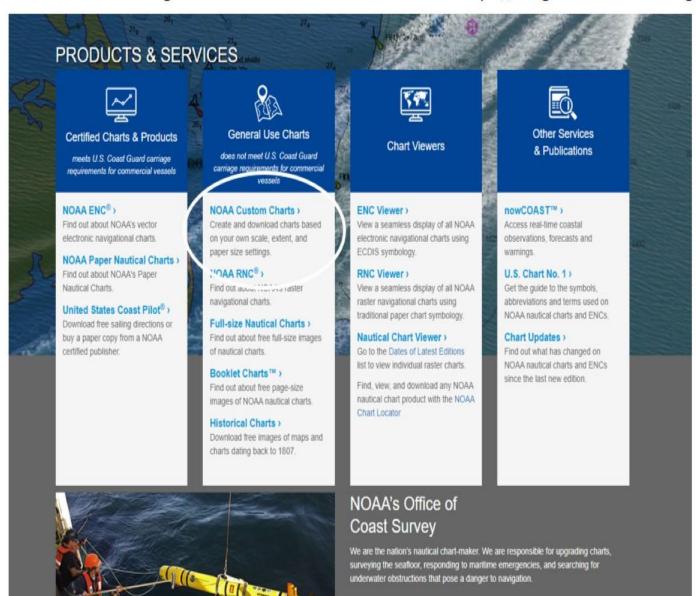
(the minimum refers to the depth to which objects may be added, not necessarily the existing obstructions). The three symbols used to represent fish havens on NOAA charts are shown in the table below.

Symbol listed in U.S. Chart No. 1	Symbol	Description		
K 46.1	O Cooks Figh Places	A circle is used to depict fish havens that are too small to show their actual size on the nautical chart.		
K 46.2	Costs Flat Haves (auth min 42 th)	Fish havens with an authorized minimum depth of 66 ft (20 meters) or less are charted with a dotted line and tinted blue		
K 46.2	Chain Flat Haves (auth min 68 ft)	Fish havens with an authorized minimum depth of more than 66 ft (20 meters) are charted with a dashed line with no tint.		

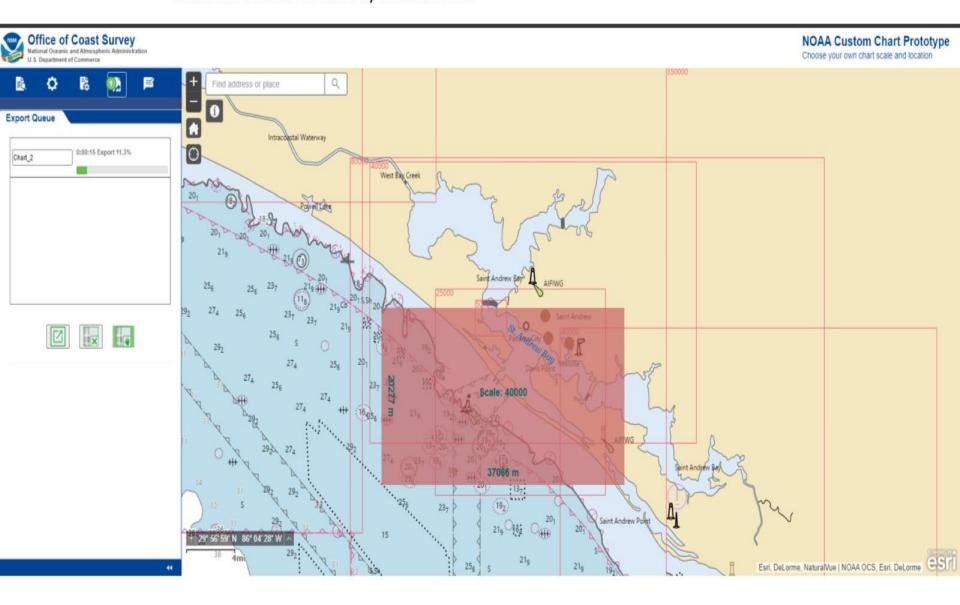
Fishing prohibited or permitted? There is an international symbol to delineate areas where fishing is prohibited (at left and N 21.1 in U.S. Chart No.1). However, NOAA does not show federal, state or local fishing restrictions on its nautical charts. The fish haven symbols, shown in the table above, do not indicate whether fishing is allowed or not. Many fish havens were created to support and encourage recreational fishing, while others have been created specifically to protect fish and fishing may be restricted in these areas. Anglers should check with appropriate authorities before dropping a line within a fish haven to learn what restrictions, if any, may apply.



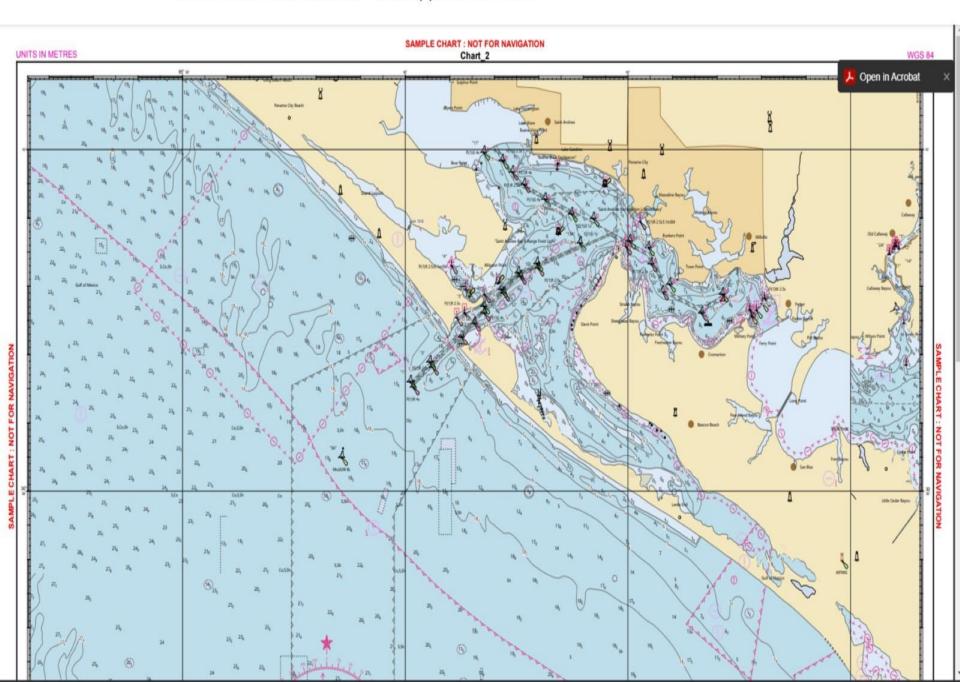
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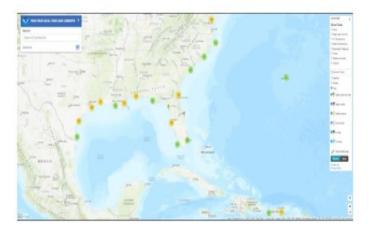


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